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of Finance take order for the performance of the duties of the office.

Pending nominations, Nos. 256 to 261, inclusive, were read.

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*Stated Meeting, August 15.*

Present, five members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From A. T. Kupffer, Director of the Central Physical Observatory at St. Petersburg, dated 15th—27th June, 1851, in relation to an exchange of publications with this Society:—

From Wilhelm Braumüller, publishing agent of the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna, announcing a donation from the Academy:—

From the Linnean Society of London, dated Soho Square, June 1851, returning thanks for the Proceedings of this Society, No. 45:—

From the American Antiquarian Society, dated Worcester, Mass., July 17, 1851,—and from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, dated Albany, July 21, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of No. 46 of the Proceedings.

The following donations were announced:—

#### FOR THE LIBRARY.

Sitzungsberichte der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften.—

Philosophisch-historische Classe. Jahrgang, 1850. (Jan. to Dec.) Wien, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna.*

Archiv für Kunde öesterreichischer Geschichts-Quellen. Herausgegeben von der zur Pflege vaterländischer Geschichte aufgestellten Commission der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Jahrgang, 1850. I Band, 1, 2, 3, 4 Heft. II Band, 1 Heft. Wien, 1850. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Fontes Rerum Austriacarum. Oesterreichische Geschichtsquellen. Herausgegeben von der Historischen Commission der Kaiserlichen

- Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien. Zweite Abtheilung. Diplomataria et Acta. III Band. Liber Fundationum Monasterii Zwettensis. Wien, 1851. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Transactions of the Linnean Society of London. Vol. XX. Part 3. With List of the Society for 1850. London, 1851. 4to.—*From the Society.*
- Proceedings of the Linnean Society. No. XLIV. London, 1851. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Proceedings of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, from May 16 to June 13, 1851. London. 8vo.—*From the Institution.*
- Annales des Mines. Tome XIX. 1 livraison de 1851. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*
- Smithsonian Reports. Notices of Public Libraries in the United States of America. By Charles C. Jewett, Librarian of the Smithsonian Institution. Washington, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Smithsonian Institution.*
- The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XII. No. 34. July, 1851. New Haven. 8vo.—*From Profs. Silliman and Dana, Editors.*
- The Massachusetts System of Common Schools, being an enlarged and revised edition of the Tenth Annual Report of the First Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education. Boston, 1849. Reports of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, from 1844 to 1850, inclusive. First Annual Report of the Trustees of Donations for Education in Liberia. Jan. 1851. Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Prison Discipline Society. Boston. May, 1850. Ten Years of Colportage in America. New York, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Hon. Simon Greenleaf.*
- A Perpetual Calendar for Old and New Style. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff. Second Edition. Boston, 1851. 4to. (Privately printed. 150 copies for private use).—*From N. B. Shurtleff, Esq.*
- Experimental Researches, illustrative of the functional oneness, unity and diffusion of Nervous Action, in opposition to the anatomical assumption of four sets of Nerves and a fourfold set of functions and transmitted impressions; with a brief exposition of the philosophy of vivisection and of sensation. By Bennet Dowler, M.D., of New Orleans, &c. &c. New Orleans. June, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. IX. No. 104. August, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

- The Plough, the Loom and Anvil. Vol. IV. No. 2. August, 1851.  
 Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From F. G. Skinner, Esq. Editor.*
- Report of the Twentieth Meeting of the British Association for the  
 Advancement of Science, held at Edinburgh, in July and August,  
 1850. London, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Association.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXII. No. 2.  
 August, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXVII. No. 8. August, 1851.  
 Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society. Vol. V. No. 4.  
 Newark, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The minutes of the Board of Officers and Council of the Society, at their last meeting, were read.

The Society then proceeded to the nomination and election of a Treasurer, *pro tem.*, and Mr. Trego was nominated and elected.

Pending nominations, Nos. 256 to 261, and new nomination, No. 262, were read.

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*Stated Meeting, September 19.*

Present, seventeen members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Etat Major of the Corps of Mining Engineers of Russia, dated St. Petersburg, 6th—18th of February, 1851; from Charles C. Rafn, Secretary of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, dated Copenhagen, June 4, 1851; from W. S. Derrick, Esq., Acting Secretary of State, dated Washington, 14th August, 1851; from Drs. A. A. Gould and D. H. Storer, acting in pursuance of the will of the late Dr. Amos Binney, all announcing donations to the Society's library: and—

From the Royal Society of London, dated Somerset House, June 25, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of No. 45 of the Proceedings of this Society.